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## Professional Cards.

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## Rev. J. A. Gurley's Second Letter to the Editor.

TO THE EDITOR--DEAR SIR--I took the liberty, a few days ago, to address you a very brief epistle in reply to an article personally abusive to myself, and, in addition, to the extent of nearly two columns, for the crime of accepting a call to reside at the late Republican meeting in this city, and offering a few introductory remarks. Having a little leisure just now, I propose to vindicate the right and duty, sacred in this country to men of all occupations and professions, to reform, by word, deed, and vote, a government of these wretched kings and emperors, without fear or molestation from those whose personal interest is identified with the party in power--in doing which, I must speak freely of the atrocious crimes committed by some of our rulers.

The political action of the ruling power in Washington towards the people of Kansas, and the free States generally, has been characterized throughout by a despotism, and a wanton disregard of life and liberty, that is hardly paralleled by the reign of Louis Napoleon. The spirit of the government, in its leading branches, is best expressed in the language of one of the traitorous aspirants to the Presidential chair: "We will subvert you!" The administration has assumed and exercised the worst form of tyranny, while professing the most liberal democracy--Napoleon-like. The honest and hard working people of Kansas have been treated as a conquered people, plundered, robbed, imprisoned, and some murdered, with the full sanction of Pierce, Douglas & Co.--their only crime, a love of free territory.

They have been dogged, instead of quiet and peaceable, by a host of scoundrels, who have not been much worse, and yet editors, who style themselves democrats have the singular effrontery to call upon the people to sanction such a horrible disgraceful deed, by electing to the Presidency a man pledged to the support of the same policy; in that he will subvert you, as the late James Buchanan, but the Cincinnati Platform, or the Convention proceedings, which we all know specifically, fully, and heartily endorse the administration of Franklin Pierce!

The same spirit that has, from the beginning, marked the actions of the President and his Cabinet, now pervades the "border ruffian" press, and the general plan of electioneering throughout the land, and the edict is daily repeated, in some form or other, crush every business man who dares to oppose our policy, and drive every clergyman from the pulpit who preaches in general the support of the President and his Cabinet, and the murderous doings in Kansas. Already we are certified by the papers that an association has been formed in Washington to establish business houses in New York for the special accommodation of those who go in for might against right, and to drive business men in general into the support of the government; and it is as much the law of the land, as the edict is, to reduce them to poverty. This spirit of intimidation, of tyranny and oppression, forms the most alarming feature in the present warfare against the free men of the North--for if physical force is to be the controlling element of the country, instead of moral and intellectual power, we may as well come under the rule of the monarchies of the old world at once.

As we have said, a part of the programme, in correspondence with the general spirit of the Pierce rule, is to prescribe and hunt down clergymen, doctors, school teachers, and professional men in general who have the independence to denounce the power that is now undermining and eating down the fairest fabric of liberty that ever blessed the eyes of a free people. The onslaught upon preachers is especially severe, because it is well supported by the influence against the clergy in high places corresponds to their zeal in behalf of truth and virtue.

The editor should know that when a man becomes a doctor or preacher he loses none of his rights as an American citizen--he is, in fact, a part of the government, and he has the privilege to defend it, against the assaults of demagogues, tyrants, and political scoundrelism in general, as to defend his own home against the attacks of the incendiary and the robber; for the great fabric of liberty reared by the toil, sweat, and blood of our fathers, the cause of religion and morality will suffer in proportion to the degree that they do not stand the dough faces they have been taken to be, but they look with becoming contempt upon the advice of the preachers, who, while they assume the wisdom of sages as an ignorant of moral and political philosophy and the good teaching, as a donkey is of school teaching.

What do the Enquirer and kindred prints, that have taken Douglas for a guide in his war upon the clergy, mean by their thousand times repeated denunciations in some form or another, that preachers have no right to the public expression of their opinions on political subjects? that they show themselves to be "impertinent" when they "sail their garments" by "decussing to the muddy pool of politics."

If I have any judgment, in the matter, they mean this: that the men who control their party have become so low, so politically corrupt, that the morals of the clergy will receive damage by any attempt to come down to them and seek their reformation. So much the more need of missionary labor then. Their great Master said: "I cannot tell to all the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Now if there are any worse sinners than the men who hold the reins of our government in their hands, men who have made republican liberty a bye word and a reproach throughout the Old and the New World; who have, by their publications, done in the name of the Republic, what the traitors of civil liberty in the North unite to put out the beacon light of freedom, erected by Washington and Jefferson, it is the solemn duty of all men, of all nations and professions, to unite together for the salvation of the great charter of our liberties.

## THE LAST ECLIPSE FROM VIRGINIA.

In relation to the recent expulsion of Mr. Underwood, late delegate from Virginia to the Philadelphia Convention, the Washington correspondent of the New York Evening Post remarks as follows:

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